

FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES – July 19, 2016

In attendance:

Nancy Guy	Amy Sakariassen	Mitch Becker	Brian Beattie
Stan Churchill	Doug Prchal	Doug Wiles	Christy Ames-Davis
Dave Mayer			

Absent:

Nicole Schwehr	Brett Gurholt	Jeff Heintz	Eric Dietrich
Carolyn Godfread			

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by Doug Prchal.

Approval of the minutes from the May 17, 2016 regular meeting of the FAB:

Doug P called for approval of minutes from the May 17, 2016 meeting of the FAB. Brian Beattie moved to approve the minutes. Nancy Guy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Dave Mayer was introduced to the group as the new Parks & Rec Operations Director.

Partners In Planting Update:

Christy stated she has issued 187 planting permits this year compared to 245 issued last year. There have been 554 total trees permitted this year. Christy has inventoried 119 trees as planted. She has issued 38 Partners In Planting permits and rebated 78 trees .

Christy sent out Partners In Planting post cards to 374 residential properties in NE Bismarck.

Forestry & D.E.D. Update:

Doug W reported Forestry has been busy with Dutch elm disease. There have been 60 Dutch elm disease abatements this year. This has increased from last year. The Cathedral district has had 12 D.E.D. trees that have been on private property and on the boulevard. There are currently 2 D.E.D. abatements out for bid. There is an increase of D.E. D. from results of the storms.

Forestry is currently working on stump removals and a large hanger list due to the recent storm events. The Forestry staff has been working on DED removals/stump grinding. They have been working diligently at removing hazardous and declining trees.

Doug reported the Emerald Ash Borer has moved to Omaha in June and it has been confirmed in Texas. Forestry has 9 traps set for the Emerald Ash Borer
Doug stated overall forestry is busy but going very well.

Bob Morgan Memorial:

Christy reported she has received the Project Tree Learning books and will be distributing them to 27 elementary and private elementary schools. She is working on a draft for stickers to insert inside each book explaining where the books came from.

Arboretum Plans:

Dave Mayer reported Parks & Rec are putting out for quotes this summer to do repairs to the staircase on the eastside of the Arboretum.

Committee Chair/Vice Chair Election:

Doug P asked if there were any volunteers or nominations for chairman and vice chairman. Stan and Doug P both volunteered. Brian Beattie nominated Stan for Chairman and Doug for Vice Chairman. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Committee Reports:

No Reports

Other Agenda Items:

No Reports

There were no further items for discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.